

## EXHIBIT 2: Letters of Support

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September 26, 2003

Chairman Paul Morabito  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1330  
Oakland, CA 94612  
Attn: Chris Kroll

Dear Chairman Morabito:

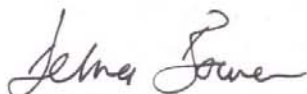
It has come to my attention that the City of Manhattan Beach is requesting funds from the Coastal Conservancy for the Manhattan Beach Strand Walkway Reconstruction Project. I'm writing to express my support for this project, which is intended to make the Strand safer, cleaner and more accessible to the residents of this community and to the many people who visit it each year.

For the past 80 years, The Strand, which links the waterfront to the historic Manhattan Beach Pier, has been the city's most popular recreational resource. Over the years, the two-mile walkway has fallen into noticeable disrepair and is badly in need of refurbishment. The city has created a master plan for this \$4.5 million dollar project, which will reconstruct the cracked walkway, stairways and retaining wall and improve access for disabled people.

The plan also envisions a more environmentally friendly Strand, with storm water treatment devices for capturing refuse and an improved, more energy-efficient lighting system to enhance public safety. The City has been planning for this Strand renewal for the last few years, and has set aside \$3 million for its completion. The \$150,000 the City is seeking from the Coastal Conservancy would help to supplement these funds.

By making The Strand a more accessible, environmentally sound and aesthetically appealing place for residents and visitors to Manhattan Beach, The Strand Walkway Reconstruction Project will help fulfill the state's mission to maintain and protect its coastal resources. In view of these benefits, I hope you'll give this funding request serious consideration.

Sincerely,



Debra Bowen  
Senator, 28<sup>th</sup> Senate District

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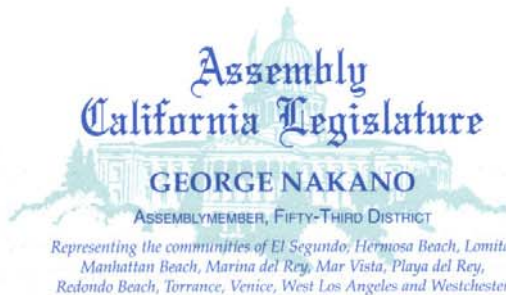
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September 29, 2003

### SENT VIA FAX & EMAIL

Chairman Paul Morabito  
Attn: Chris Kroll  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1330  
Oakland, CA 94612

**Re: Support for Manhattan Beach Strand Reconstruction Project**

Dear Chairman Morabito,

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Manhattan Beach's proposed Strand Reconstruction Project that requests partnership funding from the Conservancy.

The Strand plays a vital role in providing recreational and public beach access for residents and visitors of Manhattan Beach and the entire South Bay region. It connects to a prominent walkway and bikeway which stretches the entire span of my District, inviting walkers, joggers, bikers, inline skaters, and tourists to view beautiful coastal scenery and provides ready access to our pristine beaches. The Strand also serves the Oceanographic Teaching Station, which provides educational programming for children and adults.

The Strand is badly in need of repair to its 80-year-old walkways, stairways, lighting, and retaining structures. Furthermore, adjustments to the current walkway design are required to advance greater public beach access and efficient storm water treatment, which are addressed in the City's submitted Master Plan concept. I understand that the City has raised two thirds of the required funding and seeks partnership with several state and county agencies for the remainder. I believe the California Coastal Conservancy's mission is congruent with the impetus for the City's funding request.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at 310-782-1553.

Sincerely,

  
GEORGE NAKANO  
Assemblymember, 53<sup>rd</sup> District

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Cc: Mayor Jim Aldinger, City of Manhattan Beach

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### Chamber of Commerce Manhattan Beach

September 22, 2003

Chairman Paul Morabito  
Attn: Chris Kroll  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1330  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for Manhattan Beach Strand Reconstruction Project

Dear Chairman Morabito:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Manhattan Beach Strand Reconstruction Project. Our office fully supports the efforts being taken to improve this regional recreational resource.

The City of Manhattan Beach has long been known as a prime destination for recreational beach users. It is a wide, clean, sandy beach stretching continuously for 2 miles with numerous locations for surfing, body surfing, fishing and general beach recreational use. The Strand also connects with the combination walkway/bikeway, which serves the cities of Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach and Torrance. In addition, the Strand leads walkers and joggers to the City's icon, the historic Manhattan Beach Pier, which attracts visitors from around the world. The Pier is also home to the recently refurbished Oceanographic Teaching Station, which provides outstanding ocean ecology programs for children and students of all ages.

The Strand was built more than 80 years ago and has fallen into disrepair. The City has prepared a Master Plan concept which includes reconstruction of most of the walkway, stairways, lighting and retaining structures. The Master Plan also envisions the inclusion of several accessible outlooks, storm water treatment devices, improved stairways and beach access locations, and a design which would allow for improved maintenance and cleaning. In addition, numerous litter receptacles will be built into the design at strategic locations.

It is our understanding that the City of Manhattan Beach has been reserving funds over the years to be able to complete this project. Manhattan Beach has also sought partnership through the State Coastal Conservancy (and other agencies) as this project seeks to meet several statewide goals of improving access for pedestrians and the physically disabled, storm water treatment, and improved general user safety.

We wholeheartedly support the City of Manhattan Beach in their efforts to improve the Strand Walkway and their desire to partner with the State Coastal Conservancy. We trust you will give their proposal careful consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Helen Duncan  
Executive Director

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BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

September 22, 2003

Chairman Paul Morabito  
Attn: Cris Kroll  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1330  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for Manhattan Beach Strand Reconstruction Project

Dear Chairman Morabito:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Manhattan Beach Strand Reconstruction Project. The Manhattan Beach Downtown Business & Professional Association (DBPA) supports the efforts being taken to improve this regional recreation resource.

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We fully support the City of Manhattan Beach in their efforts to improve the Strand Walkway and their desire to partner with the State Coastal Conservancy. We trust you will give their proposal careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Carol Rowe  
Executive Director  
Downtown Manhattan Beach Business & Professional Association

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